

Application No.: 09/688,933

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REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested. The Amendment to Claim 1 is needed to describe Applicants' invention. Additional amendments to Claims 1 and 15 are editorial and do not change the scope of the claims. No new search or examination is required, because the added phrase "or between respective ones of said directional couplers" in the final clause of Claim 1 was previously examined in the context of Claim 15. Claim 1 remains patentable, because the added phrase renders the final "wherein" clause of Claim 1 identical to the final "wherein" clause of Claim 15, which is patentable. The phrase was inadvertently omitted in the Amendment of August 18, 2004. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the amendment be entered and the application passed to issuance upon payment of the issue fee.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating by telephone on March 9, 2005 that the amendment should be able to be entered.

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